

STATEMENT OF MR. O. V. CAMPBELL

I talked with Mr. Campbell this date, February 17, 1964, at 6:00 pm. The following is a statement he gave me.

My name is O. V. Campbell, 7120 Twin Tree Lane, TAH 5527. I am the Vice-president of the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street.

On November 22 1963, I arrived at work between 8:30 and 9:00 am. My office is on the second floor, Room 200. I did my usual work until noon. I had forgotten about the parade. I started to lunch with Mr. Truly. When we got downstairs Mr. Truly asked if I wanted to wait and see the parade. We waited on the front steps until the parade turned off Main Street on to Houston Street. We then walked across Elm Street and stood on the curb near the parade as it turned from Houston Street down under the underpass. I heard the shots, it sounded like they came from the knoll near the railroad tracks. I thought it was fire crackers. A uniform officer came up and at the same time a construction worker with a helmet on came across the street and said he had seen a rifle barrel in the sixth floor window. I walked back in the building. Mr. Truly and the officer had already gone in and up the stairs. I waited until they came back down to see if they found anything. The employees were standing around. When Mr. Truly came down he said one of the employees was missing, a man named Oswald. I did not know Oswald. I told Mr. Truly to tell the officers about him and what he looked like.

I went back to my office and an FBI agent came in and introduced himself. I don't remember his name. He asked that I have all the employees vacate the building. This I did, telling them to take the rest of the day off.

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I remained in the office until about 2:30 or 3:00 pm. Then I left.  
The officers were still searching the building when I left.  
This concludes Mr. Campbell's statement to me.

J. R. Leavell